# **FISCAL NOTE**

# SB 2698 - HB 2795

February 20, 2006

**SUMMARY OF BILL:** Increases, from \$12,980 to \$35,000, the annual income limit for eligibility for the Property Tax Relief Program for elderly and disabled homeowners.

#### **ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:**

Increase State Expenditures – Exceeds \$10,000,000 Increase Local Govt. Expenditures – Exceeds \$100,000\*

### Assumptions:

- There would be an additional 96,000 claims due to increasing the income threshold.
- The average payment per claim would be \$107.
- There would be additional staffing and related expenditures to the state to handle the increase in claims. Such increase is estimated to exceed \$100,000.
- There would be additional staffing and related expenditures to local governments to handle the increase in applicants. Such increase is estimated to exceed \$100,000.

\*Article II, Section 24 of the Tennessee Constitution provides that: no law of general application shall impose increased expenditure requirements on cities or counties unless the General Assembly shall provide that the state share in the cost.

### **CERTIFICATION:**

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

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